

## **Moran: Serving Kansas' "Big First" Congressional District**

A native Kansan, Congressman Jerry Moran continues a proud lineage of Kansas pioneers, reformers and dreamers. Raised in Plainville, Kansas, Moran was taught from an early age the value of a hard day's work, to look after one's neighbors and to serve his community. It is these same values that guide Moran today as he serves his fifth term, representing the people of Kansas in the United States House of Representatives.

In the House, Moran is a leading advocate for protecting and preserving the way of life in Kansas. With rural populations on the decline throughout the nation, issues unique to rural communities are becoming less understood. Moran, who lives in Hays, Kansas, is one of the few remaining champions in Congress for rural America. As a senior member of the House Agriculture Committee and Chairman of the Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, Moran works with colleagues to construct legislation allowing Kansas farms and ranches to remain viable.

Moran has been recognized for his agriculture efforts by many organizations. In 2004, he received the top legislative award from three of the nation's largest agriculture groups: the American Farm Bureau, the National Farmer's Union and the National Association of Wheat Growers.

In addition to serving on the House Agriculture Committee, Moran is also an active member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, where he is Vice Chairman of the Subcommittee on Health. He also helps lead a number of Congressional caucuses and coalitions, including the Rural Health Care Coalition (RHCC), the Congressional Caucus to Fight and Control Methamphetamine and the National Guard Reserve Components Caucus. Through his work with the RHCC, Moran has led the fight to save rural hospitals and has sponsored legislation to bring more physicians to underserved rural areas. His efforts to restore Medicare funding for small, rural hospitals has earned him the "Top Legislative Award" from the National Rural Health Association.

Since first coming to Congress in 1997, Moran has made it a priority to stay connected to the people he represents. Despite the distance between Washington, D.C. and Kansas, Moran returns home each weekend. The "Big First" Congressional District includes 69 counties and covers 57,575 square miles. Keeping in touch with Kansans across the district means a lot of driving. Moran's last three cars have racked up a total of more than 450,000 miles. Each year, over the span of four weeks, he conducts 69 town-hall meetings, one in each county of the First District.

At home, Moran volunteers his time at several community organizations. He is a trustee of the Eisenhower Foundation and serves on the Executive Committee of the Coronado Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Before his election to Congress, Moran served eight years in the Kansas Senate in Topeka, the last two as Majority Leader. Moran attended Fort Hays State University (FHSU) and later the University of Kansas, where he completed degrees in economics and law. After an early career as a small town banker, Moran established a law practice in Hays and returned to FHSU as an adjunct professor of political science.

Moran, his wife Robba and their two teenage daughters continue to live in Hays.